



The speckled kingsnake is very secretive and nocturnal, so its actual status is not well known.

Iowa Range

southern third of Iowa

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speckled kingsnake

Lampropeltis getulus

Kingdom:	Animalia
Division/Phylum:	Chordata - vertebrates
Class:	Reptilia
Order:	Squamata
Family:	Colubridae

Features

The speckled kingsnake is midnight black with white or pale yellow spots. Its belly is white with squarish black spots. It ranges from 36 to 48 inches long.

Natural History

The speckled kingsnake may be found in woodland habitats in the southern third of Iowa, including bottomland forests and savannas. It eats rodents, small birds, bird eggs, and other snakes. It is secretive, nocturnal, and seemingly very rare. Unlike most snakes, it may be active during rains. It mates in the spring. The female lays eggs in the summer and young hatch in August or September.

Habitats

bottomland forests

Iowa Status

endangered, native